MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD WITH THE

FALLS OF LICKING CHURCH,

At the Lower House, Muskingum Co., O.,

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Zoar—Lewis French, Brush Creek, Muskingum County, O.
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Timber Run—Robert Bolin, Hopewell, Muskingum County, O.
Friendship—near Linnville, Wm. Field, Linnville, Licking, Co.
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Union—Samuel Burriff, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Harmony—E Richards, Alexandria, Licking County, O.
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AUGUST 20, 21 AND 22, 1879.

August 20th, 10 o'clock A. M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder E. Barker, from Collosians I—1 and 2.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator, and read, and Messengers' names enrolled, and statistics noted, as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Musk. Co.; Wm. Beal, A. Dorsey, R. J. Smith,	Thos. Cole, 2d Lord's day, G. D. Burley, 4th Lord's day	4	...	...	...	...	2	60	.....
Hopewell, Perry Co.; Alex. Melick	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day.	...	...	...	...	...	1	23	.....
Union, Perry Co.; Jacob Grove, John Neel, Samuel Burriff,	G. N. Tussing, 4th Lord's day,	5	...	...	...	...	1	20	.....
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.; Geo. W. Starner, Jonas Fartig,	William Fisher, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	1	...	1	16	.....
Lexington, Perry Co.; Jonas Skinner, A. Dusenberry, G. W. Moore	J. J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day,	2	3	...	...	...	...	50	.....
Timber Run, Musk. Co.; Robert Bolin, J. J. Vanhorn, G. D. Burley,	G. N. Tussing, 3d Lord's day,	3	...	...	...	...	...	25	.....
Bethel, Noble Co.; John Jordin, John Russell,	E Barker and J. J. Vanhorn alternat'y. 1st Lord's day,	3	...	...	...	...	1	39	.....
Buelah, Musk. Co.; Stephen Frances, Sampson Redman,	John Pritchard, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	.....
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co.; G. Prints, L. Richards,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	.....
York, Morgan Co.; Wm. Newlon,	John Croy. 4th Lord's day,	2	...	...	...	...	1	13	.....
Zoar, Musk. Co.; Richard Wells. Louis French,	John Croy, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	.....
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.; John Croy, C. M. Matthew,	Louis Kagay, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	.....
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co.; Silas Nixon,	D. G. Barker, 2d Lord's day,	2	...	...	3	...	1	64	.....
Goshen, Musk. Co.; Thomas Humphrey, W. S. West, Josh. Crozier,	G. D. Burley, 2d Lord's day	...	...	1	...	9	...	27	.....
Pleasant Hill, Licking Co.; James Holmes, J. O. Cooksey, Matthew Porter,	John Pritchard, 4th Lord's day	1	...	...	2	...	...	55	.....
Enon, Guernsey Co.; Letter, but no Messenger,	G. D. Burley, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	3	1	32	.....
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.; W. Lawyer, J. Gutridge, E. Barker,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day,	2	...	...	...	...	1	48	....
Monday Creek, Perry Co; Letter, but no Messenger,	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	1	...	...	17	.....

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St. Louisville, Licking Co.; Jno Prichard,	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	3	36	.....
Fallsburgh, Licking Co.; John Frost, Wm. Painter,	G.D. Burley, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	.....
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.; A. T. Jury, Alfred Beall; Peter Brubaker,	John Bolin and Benjamin Lampton, alternately, 3d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	.....
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co.; Samuel Meredith, D. G. Dickinson. Stranother Huppe.	John J, Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day	5	...	...	...	...	...	24	.....
Harmony, Licking Co.; Joseph Beaver	J. P. Taylor. 1st Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	1	18	.....
Totals,		31	3	1	7	13	16	686	$63 50

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned in the above table, is the day of business of the respective churches. The report of the Committee on Funds failed to give the amount contributed by each church.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Melton.

One O'Clock, P. M.—Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Hickman.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder John J. Vanhorn, Moderator, and G. W. Moore, Clerk.

3. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

4. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements.—Elders Newlon, Croy and Bro. S. Buriff.

On Preaching.—The Messengers of Falls of Licking Church.

On Funds.—Brethren M. Porter, Wm. Painter and Alex. Melick.

On Visitation Meetings.—Elders S. Meredith, E. Barker and Bro. Jno. Russell.

5. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

6. Corespondence from sister Associations was called for, which were represented as follows:

Miami.—By Elder Hickman and Minutes.

Scioto.—By Elder Walter Yeoman.

Sandusky.—By Elder J. B. Smith and Minutes.

Pocotalico.—By Elder Melton.

Owl Creek Harmony.—By Elder L. B. Hanover and Minutes.

7. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association were called for.

8. Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami.—Elder John Prichard.

Scioto.—Elder E. Barker.

Sandusky.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.

Pocotalico.—Elder John Prichard.

Owl Creek Harmony.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.

9. The circular letter written by Elder E. Barker, and the corresponding letter written by L. C. Prior were called for and read, and referred to the Committe on Arrangements together with the Writers, Moderator and Clerk.

10. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders Yeoman, Hickman, Thomas and Smith for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

11. Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Prichard.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1879, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met persuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Prichard.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. The Committee on Arrangments reported the Minutes of last year as the Order of Business, except in reference to the question raised yesterday by the Moderator. The report was adopted.

3. The Circular and Corresponding Letter were adopted,

4 The Committe on Visitation Meetings report:

Falls of Licking.—Third Lord's day in November, at Lower house, Elders J. B. Smith and E. Barker. Also fifth Lord's day in May at upper house, Elders D. G. Barker and J. J. Vanhorn.

Hopewell.—First Lord's day in June, Elder John Prichard.

Union.—Fifth Lord's day in May, Elder E. Barker.

Lancaster.—Fifth Lord's day in November, Elder Vanhorn.

Lexington.—Fourth Lord's day in May, Elders Prichard and Vanhorn.

Timber Run.—Third Lord's day in October, Elders Smith and Tussing.

Bethel.—Fifth Lord's day in February, Elder Prichard.

Beulah.—First Lord's day in June, Elders D. G. Barker and Hanover.

Mt. Pleasant.—Fifth Lord's day in November, Elder Prichard.

York.—Fourth Lord's day in June, Elder E. Barker.

Zoar.—Fifth Lord's day in May, Elders Prichard and Newlon.

Goshen.—Fourth Lord's day in May, Elders Thomas and E. Barker.

Pleasant Hill.—Fifth Lord's day in November, Flder D. G. Barker.

Jonathan's Creek.—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elders D. G. Barker and Newlon.

Monday Creek.—Second Lord's day in October, Elders Crabtree and Newlon.

St. Louisville.—Fifth Lord's day in February, Elder E. Barker.

Fallsburgh.—Fifth Lord's day in May, Elder Hickman.

Harmony.—Fifth Lord's day in November, Elder Lippencott.

All of the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceeding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock. The report was adopted.

5. Elder John Prichard to write the circular letter, and Elder John Croy to write the corresponding letter for next year.

6. The next session of this Association to be held with the Friendship church near Linnville, commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M. Elder John Prichard to preach the introductory sermon. In case of failure, Elder J. J. Vanhorn.

7. The committe on Funds report $63.50, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20.00; Clerk $5.00; Corespondence, Miami $8; Sandusky $6 50; Owl Creek Harmony $5.00; Scioto $5.00; Pocotalico $14.00. The report was adopted.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders Melton, Robinson, Hanover and D. G. Barker for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

9. On motion it was ordered that Article 11 in the minutes of the Association at the August session, 1833, be transcribed into the articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum of this Association.

10. On motion, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we, The Muskingum Baptist Association, hereby certify that we have no fellowship for Peter Ogan or any of his party, but denounce them as usurpers. But we do sustain the Goshen Church in our body, as represented in this Association.

11. The Minutes were read and approved.

12. Adjourned to time and place above written.

Benediction by Elder Newlon.

Elder JOHN J. VANHORN, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

The past meeting was enjoyable in every respect. The able preaching, appreciative audience, good order and delightful weather contributed largely to the enjoyment of all, and made it a meeting long to be remembered for its many very pleasant associations. CLERK.

PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder Lippencott, Eph. II, 10 to 22, inclusive. Elder Ashbrook, Job XIX, 25.

Thursday A. M.—Elder Yeoman, 2 Timothy IV, 2. Elder Hickman, Romans XII, 1 to 5, inclusive. P. M.—Elder Hanover, Phil. III, 10, 11, Elder Smith, Ruth II, 19.

Friday A. M.—Elder Melton, Psalms XIX, 12. Elder Robinson, Romans III, 24. P. M.—Elder Thomas, Romans V, 19. Elder Barker, singing and benediction.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Churches composing her body, sendeth Christian love:

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—

Another year has passed away, and we as an Association have the privilege in the providence of God of meeting together again, and as it is expected that a circular letter be in our minutes, we send you the following for your serious meditation, hoping that the same by the blessing of Almighty God may be of use to you, and as it is expected that some Scriptural subject be treated upon, we call your attention to Collosians, 2nd Chapter and 6th verse:

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."

There can be no doubt that the Epistles were written, not to unbelievers but believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, Persons who were born of the spirit, or as the Apostle Peter says, born again, not of corruptible but of incorruptible seed by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever; and in as much as they were born of the spirit they could feast upon the spiritual truths brought to view by the Apostles in their Epistles; for the Apostle Paul says the natural man which we understand to be the man unborn of the spirit. This natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God, and he tells us further that these things which are spiritual are foolishness to the man in nature; then he makes a positive assertion and says neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. We learn from the above that we must certainly be born of the spirit so as to have an understanding of spiritual things, equally as much so, as it is necessary for us to be born a natural birth in order that we may have any understanding of things in nature; but we ask you christian, how it is that you did receive Christ Jesus the Lord? Have you an understanding of the facts above stated by the Apostle? Because you have experienced those facts, did you not in your experience realize that Christ Jesus the Lord was a whole and complete Saviour?

When to the law you trembling fled,
It poured its curses on your head,
You no relief could find.

You read with much sorrow, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them, how much you felt to acknowledge the truthfulness of the poet.

Should sudden vengance seize my breath,
I must pronounce thee just in death,
And if my soul was sent to hell,
Thy righteous law approves it well.

When you was entirely striped, when every refuge was taken away, Christ as the end of the law for righteousness was presented to your mind, and now it is that He is your Prophet

Priest and King. Your righteousness, sanctification and redemption, in short He is all things to you; having Him, you all things have, thus it is that the child of God receives Christ Jesus the Lord; not a saviour in part, but a saviour who is able to save to the uttermost, all those who come unto God by Him. But we must pass from this and offer a few thoughts in regard the expression "So walk ye in Him." The word walk evidently implies action or motion. We learn from this as those who are alive from tho dead the necessity of being actively engaged; engaged not so as to be brought into possession of life, but because we have life we should walk in Him. We understand it to be the meaning of the Apostle that we should obey Him in all things, to walk worthy of the vocation or calling wherewith we are called to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service, not to be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of the mind, that we may prove what is that goed and acceptable and perfect will of God. There is many things in the Scriptures pertaining to obedience, which should be observed by us, which we have not space to record, but in short, let us not allow our nature, which is evil, to hinder us from observing the plain teaching of the blessed Son of God; that especially which relates to our duty as brethren, one toward another as is brought to view in the 18th chapter of Mathew; and we should be careful not to lay any thing as a stumbling block in the way of others. If a brother should become offended with our meat, we should eat no flesh. While the world standeth let us not destroy our weak brethren with our meat for whom Christ died. Let us bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us. May the unerring spirit of the most high keep you in peace, is our prayer for the sake and name of Christ, our redeemer. Farewell.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Association of Predestinarian Baptists to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Through the tender mercy of our God we have been permitted to meet in an Associate capacity—to hold sweet intercourse and correspondence with our brethren in Christ, for which we desire to return the gratitude of our hearts to the giver of every blessing.

While we are surrounded by the many, lo! here's and lo! there's, false attraction and doctrines of the day— may the Great God cause us to live in humble obedience to His holy law, to be faithful to Him and to one another.

We desire a continuance of your friendly correspondence.

Our Minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association.